

Listing of claims

1-59 (cancelled)

60. (original) A hermetically sealable electric storage battery comprising:
- a case having an open end;
 - a first electrically conductive terminal electrically insulated from said case;
 - an electrode assembly disposed within said case and comprising first and second opposite polarity electrodes separated by separators wherein said first electrode is electrically coupled to said first terminal;
 - a flexible conductive tab electrically coupled to said second electrode proximate a first location at said case open end;
 - said tab electrically connected to said end cap at a second location whereby said end cap has a first bias position tending to keep said case open end open and a second bias position tending to close said case open end.
61. (original) The battery of claim 60 wherein said first bias position orients said end cap approximately perpendicular to said open end.
62. (original) The battery of claim 60 wherein said second end cap is welded to said tab flat against an inner face of said second end cap.
63. (original) The battery of claim 60 wherein:
- said end cap is circular and has a radius R ;
 - the distance from said second location to said case open end is a length L ; and
 - $L \leq 2R$.
64. (original) The battery of claim 63 wherein said second location is above the center of said end cap in said first bias position.
65. (currently amended) The battery of claim 63 wherein said end cap overlaps the case by approximately $R/2$ in said ~~second~~ first bias position.